



MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH
FINANCE BOARD
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2006
CITY HALL, LOWER LEVEL – ROOM B-8

- 1) **ROLL CALL:** At 6:10 PM, Chair Falzon called the meeting to order.
In attendance: Chair Falzon, Vice Chair Geddes, Members: Chapman, Domingo, Jones, Lograsso (arrived 6:15 pm)
Absent: Member Weiss
Present: Dan Villella, Finance Director and Carrie Gonzales, Administrative Secretary
Citizen Present: Gary Puissegur
- 2) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Citizen Puissegur suggested inviting the Consultant for the City's financial plan to a future Finance Board meeting for an update.
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
June 21, 2006 – Member Chapman made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Lograsso. (6-0)
- 4) **STAFF REPORTS/BUSINESS ITEMS:**
 - a) **Neighborhood Improvement District Staff Report**
Continued to the August 9, 2006 meeting.
 - b) **eCivis Usage**
Chair Falzon asked Dan to have Pat Dapkus provide an update on the goals by the September 13th meeting or at her earliest available.
 - c) **Subcommittee Reports**
Finance Board Roles and Responsibilities – continued to August 9, 2006 meeting.
 - d) **Long Range Financial Plan**
Dan informed the Board he has submitted a request in the mid-year budget to have a consultant work with the Board on long-term financial planning. The Board asked Dan if he could get a draft copy of the strategic plan for the board members. Dan explained the Consultant prepared the draft, and he will work on this request. Member Geddes expressed this was a planning document and it has financial consequences. Chair Falzon asked if the Senior Center was part of the Strategic Plan. The Board asked if there will be a Public release of the document and will the board have time to review the document before it is presented to the City Council for approval. Member Chapman asked what type of action would the City Council take. The Board asked if the Consultant and Penny would be able to attend a Finance Board meeting and provide an update.

The board inquired on specifics of the Sub-Committee:
 - a listing of the names of the members of the Sub-Committee
 - are there any minutes available for review from the Sub-Committee
 - are the Sub-Committee meetings public
 - e) **Refuse Fund**
Chair Falzon mentioned he sent an e-mail to Penny with information he was going to speak on at the July 3, 2006 City Council meeting regarding the Rainbow Disposal contract. One item was the City should have a competitive bid process with the contract. Chair Falzon mentioned he spoke on the agenda item F-2. Chair Falzon stated Mayor Sullivan asked for a substitute motion to delay the vote for 2 weeks, Council Member Hardy seconded the motion. A Rainbow spokesperson stated this would be hardship. The substitute motion failed 2-5 and the original motion was approved 7-0.

Chair Falzon asked the Board Members what they have learned for the Rainbow Disposal process.



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Member Jones asked of the legality of the contract. Members Lograsso, Domingo & Jones stated the Finance Board should not do all this research on issues unless they are asked by Council or City Administrator.

Vice Chair Geddes stated the Board has a responsibility to contribute advice, he did not think the Board was forceful enough on other projects. He also asked if Penny and a representative from Rainbow Disposal could come speak to the Board. He also stated this should have been a Public Hearing item on the City Council agenda.

Chair Falzon made the following comments:

- the City Attorney had no problem with the legality of the contract
- he forwarded copies of the three responses (Finance Board, Huntington Beach Tomorrow and Resident, Dan Gooch) he received from Robert Beardsley on the Rainbow Disposal contract to the Board
- he was disappointed in staff's response to the Boards' recommendations
- the Board should have worked more closely with staff
- he spoke with the City Clerk's Office inquiring why late communications are not placed on the city's website. Staff informed him they are not at this time but hopefully will be available in the future.
- he stated he felt no one is negotiating on behalf of the citizens
- he stated there should be a 2 to 4 week Public airing before the Council responds, items should not be rushed through the process with no response

f) FB 2006 Priorities

Follow up discussion on eCivis and Neighborhood Improvement District Staff Report

5) Open Item List

A review of Action Items continued from prior Finance Board meetings. Item 2006-012 will be moved to the closed items.

6) COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Falzon asked Dan Villella to have a study session placed on the City Council calendar for February 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Domingo made a motion at 8:30 pm to adjourn the meeting to Wednesday, August 9, 2006, seconded by Member Jones. The motion was approve 6-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Dan T. Villella, Finance Director
Secretary to the Finance Board